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Two Voices.

IN THE TRANSVAAL.

General J. Pinaar, organising secretary of the Nationalist Party in the Transvaal, writing to the Dutch Press, affirms that the Labour Party is no Socialist party. He further states that "the Labour Party deserves the credit for the only colour-bar which has ever been introduced in the South African industrial world."

IN CAPETOWN.

Mr. W. B. Madeley, Labour M.L.A., addressed a meeting of the unemployed on the Parade on Sunday, and declared that trade unions were prepared to accept coloured members, and appealed for unity among workers whether white, coloured or native. Which are we to believe?

A. Coincidence.

Old Randites will remember the rapidity with which Mr. Moneypenny was removed from the editorship of the "Star" when he refused to advocate the introduction of Chinese labour.

History seems to be repeating itself.

It is asserted in well-informed quarters that the editor of the "Rand Daily Mail" has been given his walking ticket owing to his white labour advocacy, and that his successor is expected to be more amenable to the influence of the Chamber of Mines owing to the fact—among others—that his daughter has been private secretary to Sir Lionel Phillips for a good many years.

EXCUSE OUR INTERRUPTION,
BUT HAVE WE RECEIVED YOUR
SUBSCRIPTION LATELY?

Poverty a Crime.

Referring to Mr. Madeley's Bill which provides that a man shall not be disfranchised because he has been in receipt of relief from the state, Mr. Patrick Duncan said that a man who was CONTENT to be a ward of the state should not have a voice in the affairs of the state.

This clever lawyer would therefore contend that all the workers in Great Britain who are unemployed and receiving the "dole" should be deprived of the vote.

We would like Duncan to stand up in the country he came from and attempt to tell his fellow-Scots a tale of that kind.

There were, unfortunately, 51 legislators who agreed with the reactionary Scot, and the Bill was defeated. -

Workers Take Initiative.

The British workers are not the only ones, who are fighting the capitalists.

In Egypt the cotton factory hands in: Alexandria seized the factories and troops had to be sent by the National Patriot Zaghlul to drive them out.

In Austria the Viennese bank clerks to the number of 25,000 struck work and masspicketed the bank buildings, taking photographs of every scab, which pictures were published in the workers' Press.

In France, Panhards and other big motor works are out for a rise in pay, also the Paris boot and shoe workers.

In Britain the miners are preparing for a grand assault, engineering and shipbuilding workers, who are brutally underpaid, are getting restive, jute and cotton operatives are moving, and, in short, the whole labour world is shaking itself out of its apathy.

Roughing It.

The Prince of Wales will ONLY have four private rooms on the Arundel Castle besides a private dining-room for himself and staff. The bedroom is panelled and painted white in Adam style, the upholstery and silk window curtains are a delicate rose colour, etc., etc. It is to be hoped that the little hero will survive the hardships of the voyage.

Sauce for the Gander.

The President of the Pretoria Chamber of Commerce is alarmed at the number of insolvencies (340) which took place in Johannesburg last year, but more particularly at the increased tendency of the working class to take advantage of the insolvency laws.

A trustee in a miner's estate says that "It appears that THESE PEOPLE can obtain credit very easily, and as soon as they find themselves in difficulties call upon friends to sequestrate them in order to evade payment."

How shocking that the common working class should take advantage of a law which was made for the trading and professional classes and not for "the likes of them."

Note This!

Lord Chelmsford is now a "Labour" Minister.

Lord Chelmsford in 1920-21 was Viceroy of India. There was a famine in India in those years which caused SIX MILLION deaths, according to Chelmsford's Government report.

The census returns of 1920-21 show that not six millions but TWELVE MILLIONS of Indians died through the famine.

Lord Chelmsford, now a "Labour" Minister, called the sickness influenza, and did nothing for relief.

This Labour Lord allowed 12 million British subjects to die of starvation in 1920-21.

Contrast his attitude with the wicked Bol-sheviks in the same years.

What have British workers to expect from such a man?

Trade Unionism Reviving.

The reviving militancy of the British and other workers appears to be having its effect in South Africa. We understand that N.U.R.A.H.S. are holding successful meetings and membership is increasing.

The A.E.U. reports that a considerable number of members are being made, and we may expect that this tendency will increase as the necessity of a united front to the employers is realised.

May Day.

In some quarters it is looked upon as a Branch of the Communist Party, and perhaps it may be permitted to examine the history of the local May Day celebrations.

Quite twenty years ago the Johannesburg Trades Unions organised Labour Day celebrations in the form of a procession and demonstration concert in the evening in a big marquee on a vacant plot in Commissioner Street known as Plunkett's Pavilion. The day selected was Good Friday, as the before. mining regulations had that year added Good Friday to Christmas as an annual holiday on the mines.

It was to emphasise this fact, which might authorities, that the Trades and Labour Council selected that particular day. The day's proceedings were a great success both from a propaganda and financial point of view, and so the event became an annual affair and was given great prominence in the newspapers of the time.

organised in the Wanderers, which were no Labour significance.

From its very inception the Labour Day demonstration made a universal holiday on May 1st one of its chief demands.

There existed an advance guard of the Labour movement in those days which thought that merely asking for a legal holiday at the hands of the Government would | though smaller than in former years, yet | lead very slowly, if at all, to the desired prevented the significance of the day from goal, and so the Socialist Labour Party and groups with similar views started to hold May Day meetings on Market Square on May 1st, some of which reached considerable proportions. proportions.

As the Good Friday celebrations lost their working-class character the May Day celebrations gained in importance, and on May 1st, 1915, the S.A. Labour Party organised gress in Moscow. quite an imposing demonstration on the Hotel under the genial chairmanship of our I to year. late comrade, J. T. Bain.

Labour leaders frowned on all working-class demonstrations.

It fell, therefore, to the International Socialist League to carry on the annual May Day demonstrations which it did sometimes in the teeth of the most violent opposition which reached its climax in 1917, when the meeting was broken up by the dupes of the capitalist class in and out of uniform, the speakers brutally assaulted. social which was to have been held in the Masonic Hall, Jeppe Street, had to be abandoned and the women domrades who were making the preparations had to flee for! their lives from heroes in khaki. Notwithstanding the hostility of a large section of the population, the I.S.L. and later its successor the Communist Party continued on each succeeding May Day to hold aloft the red banner of international working-class solidarity, and each succeeding year's demonstration became more imposing than the last.

The growing strength of the demand grievance that the May Day Social in the for May 1st to be proclaimed a public republic in the world has done in ten years Town Hall is organised by the Johannesburg | holiday culminated in 1920, when an the hundredth part of what we accomplished almost total stoppage of work in Johannes- in this matter in the first year after seizing burg and the reef forced the authorities to power. concede the demand which had been l annually made by Johannesburg workers for i nearly twenty years, May 1st was proclaimed a gazetted holiday, and in 1921 the workers of the Witwatersrand and the rest of South Africa had the opportunity to celebrate May Day as it had never been done still, to the shame of the bourgeoisie and of

It cannot be said, however, that organised Labour rose to the occasion. 8.A.I.F. used every effort to slur over the class character of the holiday and its revoeasily have been ignored by the mining lutionary significance, and the S.A.L.P. as she was before the oppressive laws were officially held entirely aloof. It is not surprising, therefore, that what had been tified by the petty details of household mangained by nearly twenty years of organisa- agement; she is still chained to the housetion and agitation was at the first opportune | hold and engaged in the same unproductive moment filched away. In 1922, with the and nerve-destroying labour. The real militant spirits in jail or in exile and the emancipation of women, real Communism, official element, both industrial and poli- can only begin when the proletariat, at the In later years Labour Day sports were Itical, cowed, and with martial law in exist- | helm of the State, leads the fight of the ence over large areas of the Transvaal, May masses against the system of small houselater captured by A. Crawford and have now Day could not be celebrated in the usual keeping—can only begin with the transway, and in the atmosphere of defeat and formation to Socialist large-scale economy almost despair the May Day holiday was abolished.

> unions, notably the Mine Workers' Union, Building Workers, Tailors, with the Communist Party, organised a procession which, lies.... being overlooked, and the crowd at the final rally in front of the Town Hall, Johannesburg, at the lunch-hour attained imposing |

The Social on the evening previous was notable for its enthusiasm and for the speech of Comrade Bunting, who had just returned from delegation to the International Con-

This, then, is the chequered history of Market Square with a genuine revolutionary | May Day on the Rand. It has reflected to platform, and resolutions, followed by a big a considerable extent the general atmosocial gathering in the Grand National sphere in the Labour movement from year

Then followed the exclusion of the left those of the best years. The depression in wing elements from the S.A. Labour Party | the ranks of Labour is being replaced by a by the Creswellites under the influence of more hopeful outlook. The unions have the war fever. In their anxiety not to em- passed the crisis and are more or less rapidly barrass the capitalist Government in its rebuilding, and the increased militancy in conduct of the world slaughter, the patriotic | Britain may be expected to have its effect.

> There is a spirit of co-operation between the various expressions of the Labour movement which has not been apparent for many years, perhaps not since the events of 1913-14, and it is confidently expected that the procession and demonstration this year will, in spite of there being no public! holiday, be an eye-opener to the doubters and scoffers.

The United May Day Committee had a very encouraging meeting last Sunday, and represented all sections of Labour activity. With work and good will we can make May 1 Day, 1924, one to be remembered.

"In accepting the Ten Commandments too many make one or two reservations." -Exchange.

They are merely following the example of governments who suspend all ten when they think they are in need of a war.

Freeing the Women.

(By N. Lenin.)

Take the position of women. No democratic party in the most advanced bourgeois

We have, literally, left not one stone standing upon another of the edifice of de-I grading laws which denied rights to women, which placed formidable obstacles in the way of divorce, which penalised children born out of wedlock, etc. Such laws are capitalism, very numerous in all civilised countries. We are entitled to feel somewhat The proud of what we have accomplished in this respect.

> Woman, however, remains a house slave, repealed. She is still engrossed in, and stul-

People's restaurants, creches, kindergar-In 1923, however, a section of the trades | tens-these are the modest beginnings of a process which, when fully developed, will emancipate women and remove sex inequali-

> These means are not new. They are—as indeed are all the essential conceptions of Socialism—created by a highly developed Capitalism. But in Capitalist states they remain either commercial undertakings, with all the inevitable accompaniments of speculation, profit-snatching, fraud, and falsehood, o else the "offspring of bourgeois philanthrop. "rightly despised by the better kind of workers.

There is no doubt that we shall have more institutions of this kind, and that they are about to change their character. Women of the working and peasant classes show a considerable amount of organising talent. They have the ability to carry out success-This year's celebrations bid fair to rival fully schemes of the utmost importance, and that without a great display of oratory, without the quarrelling and idle talk about plans, systems, etc.—those eternal weaknesses of the intellectuals and of the halfbaked "Communists."...

> Our Press does not concern itself sufficiently with questions affecting the welfare of the people. It does not discuss fully enough how best to establish peoples' restaurants and creches, it does not dwell with sufficient emphasis on the fact that the saving of labour which naturally results from communal effort and sanitary improvements not only conduces to the comfort of the people, but frees woman from much of her present drudgery....

> (From Lenin's book, "The Great Initiative," written in Moscow, June 28, 1919.)

> "Ignorance and poverty are the two greatest evils."—The more harmful of the two is ignorance, because it fights for the things that perpetuate poverty.

WHY NOT GIVE YOUR PRINTING ORDERS TO THE I.S.L. PRESS?

A Morrison's Pill.

neering Co., has written on the "Science of factory system in England, we still hope on the problems of production and distribul new truth. We await breathlessly the solution, and is evidently hailed by the "South I tion of the problem which has been more or I African Review" as an authority on the less correctly presented. matter.

other books were written "when the bulk asks the great authority who is given two of wealth was produced by human labour." pages in the "South African Review" and

not the case in these days of machine pro- journal. duction.

"Fifty years and more ago," he says, FICIENCY OF MONEY"! "the problem was how to get goods to clothe and feed our population." / We are foolish enough to think that the problem still is how to feed and clothe the population, but then we are not great manufacturers.

"To-day," says Mr. Kitson, "the problem is to find markets for our surplus goods. Fornierly, people starved through a national shortage. To-day they are in danger of perishing through a glut of goods.

"The problem of production has been solved. Senator Ladd, United States, tells us that two of the Western States of America alone can produce all the corn needed to feed America's 100,000,000 people, and that the Western and North-Western States can feed both Europe and America!

"Britain with its overseas colonies can produce far more wealth than its inhabitants can possibly consume. And yet threequarters of the people are within sight of starvation! A strange paradox indeed! Want and abundance walk hand in hand. Our Government offer protection in the shape of patents to inventors to encourage them to produce more labour-saving machines! At the same time they are devoting themselves to the task of finding relief for the unemployed!

of modern industry is to free mankind from the drudgery of toil by harnessing machine power—the solar energy—to wealth production. And as this process develops, the opportunities for employment must become fewer and fewer. The final goal of inventions is to make manual labour in production unnecessary. What is to become of the masses of mankind when this end is reached? Must the world be depopulated because our economists have failed to provide any system of wealth distribution other than wages? If manna rains freely from Heaven, must the farmers and farm hands starve because there is no further use for their services?

"Modern industrial conditions have l changed the nature of our economic problems from production to consumption." Here Mr. Kitson gets a glimmering of the truth when he says that "if Britain's 40 oddmillions of people could buy more food and clothing, and insist on having better houses -in short, demand the same standard of the overthrow of capitalism. The workers month. living as that prevailing in the United States —there would not be a single factory silent I the power to effect the change. When they in the whole Kingdom."

standard of living of millions of workers in | Meanwhile the currency Fafirs, Douglas Kit- | Communist greetings were sent to the Amerithe United States is miserably low, and son, and many Labour leaders can at worst that child labour conditions have been only retard the change which is inevitable Communist children's sections, and the conshown by United States Government réports | and hourly growing nearer.

Mr. Arthur Kitson, of the Kitson Engi- I to be as bad as in the worst periods of the Plenty." He discourses in a breezy manner | that Mr. Kitson has stumbled on some great

"What is the barrier which keeps the He lightly brushes Karl Marx and his nation from being able to buy and enjoy all works aside as out of date, as capital and the good things its industries can produce?" Mr. Kitson goes on to prove that such is has obviously impressed the editor of that destiny. They are numerous enough to

This is the economics of the housewife who has but a meagre allowance or perhaps. none at all from the breadwinner to keep the family clothed, fed and housed.

Naturally she will agree that the proposition is unanswerable.

finance, the phrase is meaningless.

Even Kitson, who rails at the British policy of deflation, is haunted by the example of e.g. Germany, which, above all countries, had an abundance of currency.

According to Mr. Kitson, the Germans ought to be the most prosperous people on earth. A man who is not possessed of billions is of no account in that blessed land | that our knowledge is of greater practical where money is plentiful, and yet millions are actually starving.

away by the statement that "both deflation and inflation are evils, but of the two deflation is the more disastrous."

It would, we think, be hard to convince the German workers of this, and in any case | Mr. Kitson hopelessly flounders and contradicts himself when dealing with currency.

of the worker of a portion—and a large portion—of the fruits of his labour is the key- is any man's duty eventually to die for stone of capitalist production for profit, and the interests of the ruling classes of his "They fail to see that the whole tendency that only by eliminating this can society be- country. come healthy. He rightly says that the time is not far distant when everyone born into a civilised community will be entitled to a dividend from the community's industrial system, without having to devote much time to industrial pursuits. Machine power will in time emancipate mankind from the necessity for manual toil and give us all the leisure needed for far higher pursuits than the mere drudgery which has hitherto been the lot of nine-tenths of the people, but the only method by which this desired end can be attained, i.e., the abolition of the capitalist system which, of course, involves the abolition of Mr. Kitson and his kind in so far as they are capitalists, naturally does not occur to him as a fair proposition.

Fortunately, the solution of the problem is not in the hands of the comparatively. small band of exploiters, but is the historic mission of the toilers of millions.

Unlike the capitalist economists, their have the numbers, and therefore potentially understand that their interest lies in the Leaving out the trifling objection that the direction indicated. it will be effected.

Where is Your Manhood.

"The rulers are magnificently generous in their expenditure of other men's lives. but astoundingly crafty in the saving of their own."—H. D. Bradley.

Well, what prevents the masses of the people to change the programme a little and look out for themselves?

Are they not numerous and strong enough to put an end to the savagery of war and stop their rulers' cruel generosity in their expenditure of other men's lives?

They are numerous enough to rule the world, but they seem to lack the brains to make themselves the masters of their enforce their will, but they lack the Mr. Kitson answers in triumph: "INSUF-| courage to face their rulers and take the power out of their hands.

> They are numerous enough to be organlised in huge armies large enough to keep on slaughtering one another for years, but they fear to trust themselves, they fear to fight for themselves.

Hence they are being sacrificed for the benefit of their ruling profit-makers. They In the realm of national and international are so stupid that they become one another's executioners and thus allow their rulers to uphold the notorious lie that they do what they do with the consent of the ruled.

We are bragging with our great achievements in culture and civilisation, but we still justify and even glorify wholesale manslaughter. We make ourselves believe value than that of the ancients ever was, yet we do not know enough to use our own power and strength to protect ourselves The great economist tries to explain this from the murderous "generosity" of our war-makers.

We claim to have overcome all the silly superstitions and prejudices of past generations, yet we tenaciously cling to the longexploded theory that wars make nations great, that wars can settle questions of right and wrong, that human blood is the He will not face the fact that the robbery | fluid in which the soiled honour of a nation may be washed clean, and that it

Communist Children's Conference.

The first British National Conference of Communist Children's Sections was held on March 1st and 2nd at the Labour Club, Charlotte Street, London. Each section was represented by the section leader and one of the children, and delegates were present from all parts of the British Isles.

The conference was presided over by Comrade Springhall, of the Y.C.L. Executive, and on the second day the children themselves gave reports on the activities of their various sections.

Among the immediate demands to fight for were opening of playgrounds, abolition of corporal punishment in schools, smaller. "classes, etc. It was reported that a chileconomic interests lie in the direction of dren's paper would be started during the

> The Socialist Sunday School movement was condemned as reactionary. In memory of Comrade Lenin, the conference stood whilst the Funeral March was played. can, Russian, German, French and other ference closed with the "Red Flag" and "International."

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STREET, JOHANNESBURG.

Confusionism.

the industrial position in Great Britain which proves the truth of the old saying that nobody cares anything about the working man until he refuses to work. Then at once all the professors, politicians, editors l and economists get busy and also the Labour Fakirs and tame Labour leaders.

The local "Weekly Herald," following closely its model, the Chamber of Mines organ "The Star," fulminates against the incapacity of the workers to appreciate the against worker. "subtleties of economic change," which is, of course, an open book to the editor.

It is at great pains to prove to the hornyhanded that "money" wages does not necessarily correspond with "real" wages, a fact which it should not be necessary to emphasise at this stage in view of the fluctuations in marks and even francs and pounds. The regulation of money wages by the fluctuations in the cost of living has been a familiar feature in industrial disputes in South Africa since the war began, and therefore the workers here are in no need of instruction on that score.

The "Herald" editor proceeds to warn the workers that as Great Britain must continue its policy of deflating currency a policy of wage reduction is inevitable, and if one section of the workers is able to succeed in raising its wages owing to holding a strong strategic position in industry, this can only be done at the expense of all other workers.

Arguing from the general to the particular, it is contended that the engineers' |wages, for instance, are low because the dockers and other transport workers have succeeded in forcing theirs up, and that a continuation of this process will lead the workers who are engaged in those industries which have to look to foreign countries for a market, to realise that they are being robbed by the excessive demands of other classes of workers.

This is the same kind of stuff that used to be spewed out during the war to prevent the workers of the Rand from pressing the terms that they could for the sale of their Labour power.

The theory of the wages fund was invented in the early part of the nineteenth century it is dangerous to push the workers. to prove that there was only a certain fixed and locality for the payment of a given! up must be at the expense of all the other effort will be made to alter them. to swallow to-day.

does NOT use the forces at its command against the striking workers "then it will ReligiOUS lose the support of large sections of the workers and its downfall is inevitable."

A more monstrous libel on the British workers it is impossible to conceive. Labour Government, if it DOES use force longer period than would otherwise be the case, but it would certainly be execrated by opportunity at the polls.

through this mass of contradictions and early Victorian economics are treated to a jumbo if they had the power. panegyric on arbitration courts and what One of these gentry, the Rev. E. L. A good deal is just now being written on might be accomplished by them with, presume, Gompers, Appleton or Crawford as arbitrators. Failing this, are told that we are in for an era of strikes "not against employers but of one set of workers against another."

> thing of the kind has occurred it has been due to the activities of the paid agents of the capitalists who have been encouraged! and financed to keep the workers divided,

> These tactics are being pursued in South Africa by the so-called S.A.I.F. Industrial Union.

Small sections are being detached from this class of workers and dignified with the children are taught that 'Christ on the name of a union and used as centres of disunion and discord by the organisers. Under the guise of industrial organisation and using the jargon of O.B.U. the worst defects of craft unions are accentuated and confusion worse confounded.

These tactics naturally fit in admirably with the Chamber of Mines policy, and so long as workers can be separated into hostile camps we may expect to see such ' Journals as the "Weekly Herald" flourish Fand such organisations as the S.A.I.F. continue.

Increased Profits.

WORKING COSTS DOWN.

'A net profit of £150,851 earned by the Rose [Deep mine in 1923 is commented on by the version of heretics have gone out of fashion. consulting engineer, Mr. Healey. He points out that the increased profit as compared with the previous year was mainly due to the reduction of 3s. 6d. per ton in the working cost. He marks with satisfaction the increased efficiency resulting from "settled labour conditions.'

The satisfaction of the bosses at settled labour conditions is not likely to last long. Empire. advantage they then had owing to the great The capitalists of Britain had the miners

The Witwatersrand and other South Afriamount of money available in a given time can workers are not different to the workers elsewhere, and there are already indications ! number of workers, and any success that one I that the discontent with existing conditions set of workers might have in forcing wages is reaching that stage at which organised

discarded even by the most reactionary of balance sheets showing with monotonous wear "an ordinary dress coat with black political economists. This is the kind of regularity increased profits and lower work- knee breeches and silk stockings." dope that Crawford tries to get the workers ing costs, i.e., more intensive exploitation. How good of him, and how grateful the is not the least important factor in bringing revolutionary I.L.P. Socialists must be for But he goes even further, and states about that state of mind among the work- I this concession. that as if the Labour Government of Britain ers which will result in a kick being put up. [Couldn't Ramsay, however, go in kilts.

intolerence.

Much ink has been spilled in the attempt to prove that the Russian Workers' Republic persecutes religion, but the facts are that the holding of religious opinions is peragainst the workers may survive for a pectly legal and, what is more to the point, anti-religious opinions may also be freely expressed without restriction.

all workers worthy of the name, and would | The clerical critics of Soviet Russia are meet its deserts at their hands at the first not prepared to give the same freedom to religious critics as they demand for them-Then the few unfortunates who for one selves, and, like the priests of all ages, reason or another are condemned to wade would torture and burn at the stake all those who openly disagree with their mumbo-

Macassey, of Hammersmith, England, is much exercised over the growth of proletarian Sunday Schools in Britain, and at a meeting of the Anti-Socialist Union and Reconstruction Society, delivered himself as follows:--

Our only comment on this is that if any- | "Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has already shown character and courage in his ecclesiastical appointments, but so far he has done nothing to check the seditious and atheistic activities of these Socialist and proletarian schools. They would not be tolerated in America or France. Their organisers are fully aware that if you win the child you win the home.

"The teaching given by these schools is best described on their own evidence. Little Cross dying for sinners is so ridiculous that one despairs at the hold this superstition has on the minds of the working class.' Again, 'Jesus is not the Son of God, because there is no God.' Tom Anderson's Ten Proletarian Maxims are taught. The fifth maxim is, 'Thou shalt teach revolution.'

Lisping infants are made to sing this 'hymn':---

Have you heard of Heaven, That land so far away, Where all the little children Have wings and play all day? Listen to me, children. . It is a fairy tale, This land away in Heaven

Is 'Jonah and the Whale.' "

How terrible, and one can imagine the reverend gentleman regretting that the rack, thumbscrew and stake as methods of con-

Lady Sydenham, at the same meeting, said that "Red" Sunday Schools were a "growing danger." They are, and are intended, to be to the class to which her ladyship belongs; and Miss Margaret Stanton, organiser of the anti-Communist work of "the League," expressed the fear that the state schools were too materialistic and too little was said about the men who made the.

Things may be different in England, but demand for labour and obtaining the best down and out after the great betrayal by there can be little criticism on that score Thomas on Black Friday, but the present of the South African schools, which are industrial position in Britain is a clear in- forcing grounds for imperialism, militarism dication that there is a limit beyond which and the most degrading worship of the king fetish.

A Royal Revolutionary.

King George has graciously intimated that men attending court (not the criminal court) are not now compelled to wear gold braid on workers. A theory long ago exploded and The publication of the various gold mining their pants, etc., etc. It is enough if they

Lenin's Death and After.

By D. IVON JONES.

which I trust you received. Now a month only come from superabundance. And as so is the great Russian health resort). The has passed. But the pages of the "Pravda" often happens, the proletariat, in order to director of the central administration was are still full of Lenin, full of letters from rise again, had to put its old enemy on his an old Wrangelite, and everywhere Wran the provinces, how they felt at the loss of feet again in the shape of the Nepman. But | gel's medical staff, or doctors from that their leader, and what is to be done now. we have now a class-conscious proletariat, regime. Communist doctors simply could One gets the impression that everybody firm, wedded to the industry, with its stan- | not be spared from the north. Now the cenfrom the foremost to the rank and file work- | dard of living constantly rising, AND ITS | tral director is a Communist doctor, and ing man, is trying to explain, not Lenin, PARTICIPATION IN THE SOVIET within the last week or two a Communist but his feelings towards Lenin, and all APPARATUS OF GOVERNMENT CON- doctor from Petrograd has taken charge of under a sense that it is all in vain, that this STANTLY INCREASING. Hence a large this institute—the largest in Russia. Why peculiarly intimate relation cannot be ex- number was ripe for the Communist Party, is this? In Petrograd as in Moscow you hear plained, cannot be described.

How great a personality was this, when clare their allegiance. everybody, a whole nation leaned upon him as upon an everlasting rock, as the great "tovarisch," whose friendliness seemed to permeate a whole people. And yet he spread this all-pervading friendliness without seeking to. He was ever concerned about the nuts and screws of the machine of emancipation.

In the villages the death of Lenin produced an equally profound impression. It trembled momentarily, braced itself, and Meetings of the mir were immediately called. stood firm, strong in the strength of Lenin's The resolutions and questions are exceed- own spirit. Most great, men have died and ingly quaint. For the peasant, the petty their works have died with them. Lenin's the Central Control Committee of the party producer, Lenin's death did not mean so death only gave an impulse forward to the much as for the worker the loss of a great work that he set himself to do, as one pre-"tovarisch" with whom they had fought ordained. Lenin never preached on matthe revolution and who had led them from ters of personal conduct or morals. But it victory to victory and through innumerable may safely be said that no saint or preacher Communist Party. This committee formerly dangers, and without whom we must now lever had such an influence on people as march on alone but in the light of his the very character of Lenin's, his crystal l teaching still; no, the peasant looked on simplicity of mind; his simple manner of Lenin as their great protector. "Who did living, though all the luxuries of Russia articles, if not the last, which proposed to he nominate as his successor"? "Did he could be at his command. This is the un-increase the C.C.C. to 50 members, link it leave a will providing for the future con- precedented fact in Lenin which has cap- up with the Commissariat of Workers' and duct of affairs"? "Did he gather his dis- tured the heart of the people: For the first | Peasants' Inspection, reform this Commisciples round him to give them his last time in history they saw a man striving for advice "? The peasant, like the petty pro- an ideal, achieve great power, and still strive ducer everywhere, is inclined to magnify on, simply, serenely, combining great power | C.C.C., give it power to interfere in the the role of personality, not understanding with a great ideal. This is what the comthe role of party. This, of course, applies I mon people, who are not Marxists, see. We more to the richer peasants, as the com-knew theoretically that it must come, some rade's letter shows, who meanwhile fear that day; we knew that the proletariat must set destroying bureaucratism, making it ap-"the taxes on them will now be very up, OF NECESSITY, from the hature of heavy." Everything good came from Lenin, its method of production and appropriation, and everything bad, heavy taxes, requisi-such a typical representative; just as we apparatus an instrument for Socialism. This tions, etc., in war time, ah, that was against knew, theoretically, that Socialism was Lenin's wish! In the village, moreover, the possible. But the very FACT of the Soviets of the party. The results of the proposal class of poorer peasants, ex-Red Army men, etc., approximate more to the proletarian psychology.

And how great is this profetarian phychology, how sharply it contrasts with that of the peasant ally, the grief of the proletariat does not signify panic, no, the grief at the loss of a great friend, and a swear by all that's holy to carry on and bring his great lis ideas into realisation. I wrote in my last letter that the workers were rushing into the party by the hundreds and thousands. I should have said by the tens of thousands. The last "Pravda" received announced nearly ninety thousand, and by now it will be no doubt a hundred thousand new members all "from the bench." This is the proletarian idea of a panic! Comrade Zinoviev regards this as a revolution in the derisively. The Soviet Power was never so party, a new party. There was a great rush strong. What is the basis of it? The proleinto the party before, in 1918, but from all tariat. And what hetter proof does one need t classes of the population, and most of these were weeded out again in the party cleaning and foraged for themselves in petty trade, have put Socialist accumulation in the place

national" a few days after Lenin's death, come from insufficiency. Communism can doctor in all the Yalta sanatoriums (and this and only awaited a suitable occasion to de-

> Russia is not the same Russia after Lenin's death, it is a greater Russia. A. whole nation seems to have gone through a tremendous experience, or rather its six years' experience was focussed in one tragic farewell, and the people feel that this last, hitherto unthinkable experience, is a boundary from which many things will be dated, when its great support was taken away, and as the Socialist form, is worth more to the | will be enormous, a mark in Soviet history, masses than whole libraries of theory (although it took whole libraries of theory ism. The chairman of the C.C.C. is also exto GET the Soviets) and the very FACT of officio Commissary of Workers' and Peas-Lenin, the greatest HUMAN in history, is a supreme victory for Communism. For such a triumph of world leadership, when hall the humbug leaders of the capitalist pulsory labour as a punishment to be world fail, is only possible for a cause that is on the eve of universal achievement.

> I see that Chicherin has issued a com- of minor thefts by persons of the working munique dealing with a campaign of lies class shall be tried by the factory commitwhich broke out from the Riga and Hel- | tees to which the offenders belong, and these singfors lie factories just prior to the recog- committees shall not be bound by the code. nition of Russia by England. We were inno- but by their revolutionary conscience how cently ignorant of all these bloody catas- | best to reform the offender. That is in the trophes circulated by the Tory Press. People | case of first offences. here, no matter of what class, simply smile than the rush of proletarians into the party.

The mint is busy minting silver coinage in 1921. This new flow of workers into the for small money. This will be put into party has been preparing for some time. In circulation in the spring. Money is a capi-1920, 1921, the period of the failure of war I talist expedient. But under the dictator-Communism and the Kronstadt rising, the ship of the proletariat every step forward proletariat was in a process of being de-lin capitalist efficiency becomes a step forclassed. The best workers left the factories ward on the straight road to Socialism. We

of capitalist accumulation by way of the state apparatus, state industries and the cooperatives.

I might mention one sign of the increased strength of the Soviets shown in the administration of the sanatoriums here in Valta. I wrote a few notes for "The Inter-letc. Now we see that Communism cannot | Last year there was not a single Communist non-party doctors calling you "tovarisch." They are for the Soviets. And within the last few months the great mass of the scientific professions have formally and in organised form declared their allegiantee to the Soviets. Hence Communist doctors can be spared for the outlying parts. New strength, new revolutionary energy everlastingly wells out from that fountain of revolutionary energy, proletarian Leningrad. By the way, Zinoviev declares that the number of metal workers employed in Leningrad has doubled within the last year and a half.

> Another good step forward is proposed by (and when the C.C.C. proposes it means it has to be done). I don't know if it has been sufficiently explained to you the new role of the Central Control Committee of the performed the function of a safeguard, disciplined members for breaches of the constitution, etc. It was one of Lenin's last sariat from top to bottom, and by virtue of lits close identity with the all-powerful affairs of every State Department in the direction of greater economy, giving the state apparatus a proletarian character, proachable to every illiterate peasant and every worker, in short to make the state proposal was adopted by the 12th Congress as the great scotch in the wheel of Nepmanants' Inspection. It has already done great work. Now the C.C.C. proposes to sharpen the class character of the penal laws. Comapplied only to non-workers. With growing. class-consciousness it is proposed that cases

If my letter seems, as usual, inordinately optimistic, that is not because I wish to convey that everything in the garden is lovely. No! But what is unlovely is not significant of the touch of things—an indisputably disappearing factor which the revolution is gradually sweeping away. Russia is only interesting to us as the vanguard of Communism. And one must write about those things which show that it is leading. on to victory.

Yalta, February 24th, 1924.

Trade Unions and the

A "BACK TO THE LABOUR PARTY" CAMPAIGN.

general sense, and with reservations based l on shortcomings of the Labour Party itself, we ought to support this crusade.

"CLASS PEACE" OUT OF DATE.

It is hardly necessary in these times to ducers for profit, the old "fair day's pay" motto no longer fills the bill, there is a con- politicals." tinual tug-of-war between the exploiting and | But IF THE UNIONS ADMIT THE NEED is not "a set of tenets," it is the "HUMAN NATURE" OF THE WORKING MASSES and its only bond of union, its only reason lis a matter of arrangement. for existence, is to fight the class war and MOSCOW OR AMSTERDAM, 2nd OR 3rd? "see it through" on behalf of the working class.

"EVERY CLASS STRUGGLE IS A POLITICAL STRUGGLE."

least of it is always a useful adjunct, can be looked for only from a workers' party.

THE NEED FOR A CLASS PARTY.

tary, should all be under one organisation. | should adhere to the Communist Party, but But even in Russia, where there is in effect | they can also, by adhering to the S.A.L.P., only one workers' political party, and that help to make it more proletarian. If the in sole political power, and where the Trade | party disappoints the unions (as in England

The S.A.L.P. is inviting closer union be- [Unions work in close harmony with it, still] tween it and the Trade Unions. In this that consummation is not affained. Much they are equally repelled by Communist more under capitalism is a working-class political party, aiming at wresting political power from the capitalists, a necessary part of the apparatus of the Labour movement. Even Crawford, who opposes the S.A.L.P. move, has himself attempted to get up a refute the excuse for Labour aloofness from | political party of his own—to consist prepolitics based on "class peace." With the sumably of S.A.I.F. members—though at maturity of capitalism, which has rapidly the same time he seems to be a supporter of extended its exploitation over all the earth, the S.A.P. The mere Syndicalist school is even to the most barbarian races, until discredited, for instance by the experience these latter are indispensable to it as pro- of Italy in 1920, when failure was due partly in to the domination of the unions by "anti-

working classes, extending throughout FOR A CLASS PARTY, THEN THEY ARE society and throughout the world, and a BOUND TO TAKE AN INTEREST IN IT, Labour union that harks back to pre-Vic- TO IMPRESS, THEIR STAMP ON IT AND torian "peaceful relations with employers" TO BACK IT UP, and probably this close | "non-political unions," as between Labour is an anachronism. The Labour movement connection is more necessary in countries where the battle for political control is still unwon than in Russia. How can the most straining to burst through the crust of arti- unified and vigorous political action be exficial RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY CAPI- pected if the unions remain uncommitted to TALIST PRODUCTION ON THEIR "IN- the workers' party? Perfect machinery is DIVIDUALITY" AND "INCENTIVE." It Utopian, but at least something better can was born of the class war even before the be devised than the present disconnection

satisfies all the workers. Crawford has recently been contending in effect that Trade for his vote, to at least affect some pro- We cannot say "unless the unions link up the unions. worker sympathies. But speaking generally with the Communist Party let them keep of all countries; consistent political support | away from all parties." It is better to of the workers' cause, which to say the link up with a party whose working-class character is largely fictitious than with no we readily "agree to differ." If the unions are less politically enlightened than the Theoretically, perhaps, working-class S.A.L.P., let them link up and learn more;

to-day), IT IS FOR THE UNIONS NOT TO PULL OUT BUT TO MOULD THE PARTY TO THEIR LIKING. A choice might become especially interesting in the case of a native, Trade Union like the I.C.U., which professes to be anti-political but ought by rights to become related to the Communist Party, though it will probably not have the pluck or understanding for that yet awhile. Dutch Trade Unionists again are not attracted by S.A.L.P. Imperialism, though inter-racialism.

It might be urged that the C.P. should, for the sake of unity, not compete for Trade Unions' or Trade Unionists' support. That would mean abolishing the vanguard, which is absurd, but Communists would sacrifice anything short of the interest of the working class itself for the sake of a UNITED FRONT whenever attainable—it is the S.A.L.P., every time, that rejects that-and will always take care, so far as they are concerned, that rival propaganda in the unions on behalf of the Second or the Third shall not paralyse the unions but rather strengthen them: and anyway, division within the unions that is confined to different shades of Labour views is surely healthier than division, as at present in and capitalist parties!

THE POLITICAL FIELD AS A STUDY CLASS.

Besides, for the workers to succeed in the class strugle needs much study, study of social history, of the enemy's positions—the conditions and methods of capitalism—of existence of the class war was recognised, between unions and party-precisely what the various weapons and tactics available to the workers; and again, study of the alternative by which it is proposed to replace capitalism. Is the working class One trouble is that no workers' party movement then such an intricate affair? Well, it represents not only "what every worker knows" but WHAT EVERY Unions should agree to differ as between WORKER OUGHT TO KNOW. The driving And although "capitalist appropriation" | "Amsterdam" and "Moscow," which in motives and aspirations—the demand for essentially takes place, even when it is not the political sphere means, between the food, clothing, shelter and freedom-are consciously felt, "at the point of produc- | Second and the Third (Communist) Inter- | simple enough, but how to wrest them from tion," yet it is very greatly facilitated by | national. The division on these lines rages | an enemy in control of all means of produccapitalist power over state and world poli- acutely in Continental Trade Unions and is | tion, able to buy up all the best brains tics, indeed it is more especially in politics, | tacitly present in South Africa too, though | against us and, through control of press, home, imperial and foreign, that the capi- as yet we have no union affiliated to the schools, etc., to befog us with the most talist class has too long had things all its R.I.L.U. Really, of course, there can be no sinister and diabolical propaganda—this own way. The class war is waged on the such thing as "agreeing to differ," except calls for a veritable school of strategy and political field no less fiercely than in the for some temporary purpose: there cannot tactics. The Trade Union meeting is as a workshop, and the Labour mevement, hav- be two Labour schools both right; differ- rule necessarily too much absorbed in the ing to fight on every field and with every ences have to be thrashed out until all are detail of its members' daily struggles to available weapon, cannot allow its industrial | convinced, otherwise we are agreeing to be | study very deeply their more universal unious, the mass organisations of the work- | divided, whereas we all believe in solidarity. | aspects, and is thus sometimes liable to ers, to say "No politics in the Union," But this takes time, and we cannot wait form a too restricted judgment when it especially as THAT CRY MORE OFTEN to move until conditions are perfect. We comes to proposing "remedies," e.g. on THAN NOT IS A MERE CLOAK FOR SUP- Communists believe—and we point to such a question as the competities of cheap PORT OF ANTI-WORKER PARTIES, such Russia in proof—that ONLY UNDER THE labour, largely of backward, non-European as the S.A.P. Least of all is this excusable COMMUNIST BANNER CAN WORKING- | race, which is not a local affair, but turns since the formation of Labour, Socialist and CLASS UNITY BE ACHIEVED, because out to be characteristic of capitalist ex-Communist parties. A Dutch worker votes Communism is the clearest and most com- ploitation on the world scale and curable Nationalist mainly on racial grounds, but monsense expression of the solution of the only by an international onslaught on the is also justified by the fact that that party is class struggle, involving as it does not only system itself. It is through politics in its for the time being combatting he leading the "capture" but the elimination of the best sense-politics in the sense Communcapitalist party and espousing the anti- capitalist political machine (which does not ists understand it—that the best opportunity imperialist cause which in the course of imply boycotting it meanwhile). But we is afforded for such study, although of course events is in the interest of the world's work. | also know that a majority of the working | that is not the only school, and often enough ers, besides being obliged, in order to cater class outside Russia still differs from us. It is the party that must sit at the feet of

SOLIDARITY, NEGATIVE AND POSITIVE.

It has been said that the South African working-class party at all. In that sense unions have maintained better solidarity since 1913 by pulling out of the Labour Party. It might equally well be said that they are to-day being punished for their action, industrial, political and even mili- | if they are more class-conscious, then they | abstention from politics, and that NOT POLITICS BUT NO-POLITICS IS WHAT HAS HELPED TO BRING THEM SO LOW. In any case it is a precarious solidarity;

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The Teachers.

(By One of Them.)

As might be expected, the capitalist Press has no tears to shed over the parlous position of the teachers at the Cape under the drastic cut to be made in their already attenuated salaries. Says the "Friend":--"The teachers would not have the Baxter Report, and now they will have to accept | what they can get from the Provincial Coun- | perialism and increased armaments, and in | cils. Moreover, when uniformity of salaries throughout the Union is ultimately agreed upon it is now much more likely to be based on the reduced scales about to come into effect what is called a comprofise. operation than on higher ones."

The position of the teachers is neither more nor less than that of all other workers by hand or brain. But they have always adopted an attitude of superiority, and resisted the small class-conscious elements in their ranks who would come into line with the industrial unions. But snobbery is expensive as well as painful in its results, not to mention its utter contemptibleness. To indulge this vulgar trait, Capetown and Johannesburg combined have voted £15,000 to bask in the inane smile of a crown prince. For this men must be sacked from relief work and their wretched pittance reduced to an irreducible minimum. But apart from this, the Teachers' Associations are weak, anaemic, and loosely organised on a nonunion basis. Consequently anything like unity of action on a solid front becomes very difficult if not impossible. Attempts to bring them into line with other workers have always been abortive. Therefore, who will be so bold as to say that they do not contribute to their own position?

It is all moonshine to indulge, like the West Rand Association, in mock heroics and threaten to vote "Pact." Fifty per cent. at least of the teachers will do this in any case, and Smuts is well aware of the fact.

In our social economy there can be no such thing as differentiation between one section of workers and another. Those who live solely by the work of their brains or hands or by both, as is generally the case, are workers, and there can be no differentiation socially between one class of work and another when both are socially necessary. All workers stand on one level, and have, or should have, the same interests as a class. There is, therefore, but one remedy for the teachers as for all other workers, organisation and united action. It is only by presenting a United Front that the final victory of the proletariat will be assured.

Workers of the World Unite!

Trade Unions and the S.A.L.P.

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was there not more solidarity in the 1913 and 1914 strikes than in that of 1922? Without the political link, union solidarity is the more liable to fall to pieces in times of test or crisis. The successes gained by the unions during war time were due not to "no-politics" but to war conditions setting a premium on labour, and were gained equally by the British unions which were in the Labour Party.

As for the danger of politicians taking personal advantage of the affiliation of unions to political party, well, if Sampson the politician succeeds Crawford the (on this occasion) anti-politician in the Geneva stakes, good deal of smelling out of members of where is the difference? Anyway, the greater | the S.A.L.P. in 1915 who still maintained the proletarian forces grouped in a party, that the workers of all lands, including Gerthe less chance in the long run for political many, should unite against the capitalists fakers or adventurers, as witness the Indian of all lands. Trade Union Congress' quarrel with the -chairman.

A State of Emergency.

LABOUR GOVERNMENT AS STRIKE-BREAKER.

SCABS TO BE PROTECTED.

The most severe critic of the reformist Labour leaders of Britain hardly expected that the MacDonald Government would so soon show its hand. It has declared for Imthe dockers' and railwaymen's strikes adopted the time-honoured tricks of capitalist governments to beat the men or to

dock strike, that "The Government will not fail to take what steps are necessary to l secure the transport of necessary food supplies and has already set up the nucleus of the organisation."

What is this but strike-breaking? Again, Wedgwood is appointed Chief Civil Commissioner under the Emergency Powers Act.

What is this Act?

It was established under the Lloyd George Government to deal with strikes and lock-

Finally, Ben Tillett announced that there was a possibility of the Government using bluejackets to unload food supplies.

This will not surprise anyone. A big strike forces any Government to take sides, and the MacDonald Government, being a collection of war jingoes, imperialists, and anti-revolutionary reformists, naturally takes the side of capitalist law and order against militant Labour.

. But worse is to follow.

When the London street transport strike | teachings he bequeathed. looked threatening MacDonald threatened the strikers with the declaration of a "state of emergency," in other words, MARTIAL LAW, declaring that the larger public services must be maintained and that the Government must protect those engaged in legal occupations, i.e., SCABS.

The settlement of the strike came soon enough to remove the necessity of carrying out these plans, but the Royal Proclamation declaring a state of emergency actually appeared in the "Gazette" on the same day as the strike was settled.

We now understand the extreme friendliness between MacDonald and Snuts. Mac

is learning from Jannie.

Needless to say, Mr. Baldwin 'f entirely l approved of the Government's foresight in making a decision in making a proclamation, and Mr. Lloyd George also gave his l blessing to the suggested commandeering (of scabs) "if insufficient voluntary assistance is forthcoming."

choke when they heard this kind of thing A Fabian Imperialist. then they deserve to be choked.

Short Memories.

A writer in the "Guardian" fulminates against the S.A. Party for kow-towing to the German voters in Umvoti districi, and says they would be a set of "blithering asses". if they forgot the insults heaped upon them by the Unionists during the war.

But were all the Labourites guiltless in this respect?

One seems to remember that there was a

But perhaps that is only a dream and Nationalist political leader, till now its lonly S.A.P. members said that the Government must be supported at all costs—to they now receive 33 to 471 per cent. more others—and even sacrifice of principles. I than in 1914.

A Doll's House.

Queen Mary's dolls' house has been given quite a lot of space in the pictorials of Britain.

Professors, artists, and engineers have . contributed to make it the most wonderful dolls' house in the world. And these toadies, lickspittles and sycophants are among those who wonder why the poor hate the rich.

Hovels for miners and land workers, slums for millions, slaughter of tens of thousands by semi-starvation, and bad surroundings, and a dolls' house for a woman of fifty or more to play with. It seems indeed true MacDonald declared, in reference to the that whom the gods would destroy they first make mad.

> Compare her gracious majesty and her costly plaything with the widow of Lenin, the proletarian leader, who whilst Lenin's body still laid unburied sent out the following message in response to innumerable messages of condolence:-

> Comrades, workers and peasants, men and women,—I have a big request to make. Do not let your grief for Ilich spend itself in an outward honouring of his person. Do not raise monuments or palaces to his name. Do not organise splendid celebrations in his memory. In his life he attached little importance to such things. All such things oppressed him. Remember how much poverty there is still in our land. Remember how much still remains to be done.

> If you wish to honour the name of Vladimir Ilich, build creches, gardens for children, houses, schools, libraries, dispensaries, hospitals, and homes for invalids. But. above all, in all that you do, carry out the

The United Front.

AGAINST THE WORKERS.

MacDonald has shelved George Lansbury. Bob Smillie, and even Morel, who unmasked the Belgian and Peruvian rubber atrocities, and included the following in his!" Labour" Ministry:-

HALDANE, Lord Chancellor. — Joint author with Asquith and Grey of the war and the secret treaties leading to the war. A Liberal Imperialist.

CHELMSFORD, Admiralty.—Former Conservative Viceroy of India, with a notorious record of coercion and suppression during the war and after, and under whom the Amritsar massacre occurred. A Conservative Imperialist.

THOMSON, Air Force.—Of the Versailles, If the real workers' representatives did not | Supreme War/ Council with Lloyd George.

> OLIVIER, India.—An old bureaucrat of the Colonial Office and ex-Governor of Jamaica. A Fabian Imperialist.

> WEBB, Board of Trade.—An old bureaucrat of the Colonial Office, and strongest influence of the bourgeoisie in the Labour Party. A Fabian Imperialist.

THOMAS, Colonial Office.—Of "Black Friday" fame, A Labour Imperialist.

An Election Bribe.

Mr. Jagger, Minister of Railways, in the debate on the Railway Vote for eight million pounds, said that he proposed to reduce rates within a month by five million pounds which would benefit the "public," but refused to consider any improvement in the railwaymen's pay, making the remark that

Building from Below. "White South Africa."

UNEMPLOYED FIGHT IN THE CAPE.

The Unemployed, Relief, and General Workers' Union has won the second round foundation.

A movement of this description is not Another man, Johannes Mputin, was a communist Notes. only industrial but political. It has shot in Frankfort district. This case is Young Communist Notes. direct dealings with the bosses "as poli- proceeding in legal circles. ticians"; it therefore begins to see the At some place near Virginia a little purely industrial movements. the matter.

The unemployed are comprised of that At Rietspruit another native was killed. ever-increasing mass of workers who are The master was about to punish the disgorged by the capitalist system and native's son, and he the son ran to his afford a splendid recruiting ground for | father, when the latter, who was then the revolutionary proletariat.

cause of economic exigency, and as a con- he was a cheeky man, a policeman was sequence affords an ever widening field of | called and a severe hiding and "pumpingeducation for the Communist.

comes into play.

revolutionary workers of South Africa to contemplate.

MacDonald and Georgia.

On February 25th Major Sir Archibald Sinclair asked the Prime Minister "whether, in any agreement which may be reached between His Majesty's Government and the Government of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, he will insist that the independence of Georgia, Azerbaijan and Armenia shall be recognised and their democratic Governments restored?"

Mr. MacDonald referred his gallant questioner to a reply of February 18, in which | entrusted with self-government! the Premier had answered this same question in an ambiguous manner.

But the Major pressed: "Will not the Right Hon. Gentleman use his influence to secure the withdrawal of the Red Armies so that there may be an opportunity of some form of home rule?".

The Prime Minister: I am always glad to use my influence for any legitinate purpose."

Does MacDonald still hope to sever the Trans-Caucasian states from the Union of Soviet Republics and re-establish the white guards over the workers? We shall see.

Reactionary Solidarity.

It is stated that the French Government' has deliberately fixed the date of the French elections a week later than those in Ger-1 many in the hope that reactionary successes in the latter country/will influence the French electors in Poincare's favour.

The exploiters practice solidarity across national frontiers, but the workers are called unpatriotic if they do the same.

At the recent O.F.S. Native Congress it was reported from Vrede that a native woman had been shot by a white boy of about 15 years of age. The case was of the struggle with the master class, or judged an accident. "The position of at least has obtained a breather for one our people has sunk so low on account of month in order to perfect its organisation. | the serfdom and lack of home that when | day, April 9, at 8 p.m. All willing This union was formed about nine the husband of the wounded woman was months ago, and it has manifested more asked to take steps for damages, he said: fight than any union in South Africa | "As my wife is getting better, I shall do during that period, a proof that if we | nothing of the sort, because if I do we | Comrades, get busy! "build from below" we build on a solid may be driven from the farm and then where shall we go?"

A movement of this description is not Another man, Johannes Mputhi, was

necessity of a politico-industrial organisa- | white boy shot a native child. The father | tion and sets an example to all other of the native child was afraid to take up

ploughing for the master, asked the reason It constantly changes its personnel be- | for the action of the master. He was told | up" of the native was indulged in. He kind during strikes must be tremendous. | into a cart-house, where the master and | P.M. In the past, blacklegs have been found the police closed themselves up with the from the ranks of the unemployed who native and satisfied ther indulgence to the The Y.C.L. holds a meeting every Saturhave been used to break up any effective extent that when they left him he was day at Jeppes at 8 p.m. Comrades and effort to improve the conditions of the near death. He asked for his horse in friends in the Eastern Suburbs are asked to organised workers. With the unemployed order to try and go to report, but he was attend. organised, this will be rendered almost so exhausted that he could not proceed impossible; a most important feature will | further than the gate near the farm, and be that the struggle will assume a poli- a native policeman was sent to return with tical character as soon as this organisation | him to the police station where before the sun set he succumbed to his injuries. The The foregoing are a few points for the case is proceeding.—" Abantu Batho."

> The Recent Dutch Reformed Church Native Conference sent a deputation to Mr. F. S. Malan, Acting Minister for Native Affairs, who bluntly replied inter alia, regarding the proposed allotment of native areas, that there was not enough land for every European and native to become landowners, more particularly cattle farmers. Presumably therefore the allotment will be still further if not indefinitely delayed. The Minister also said he had decided not to apply the Act of 1920 (establishing native councils) but to establish "advisory councils" instead until natives were grown sufficiently to

Work.

The reports of sermons and addresses on labour problems, together with the many despatches and articles published from time to time, harp a good deal on the blessing of work and the curse of unemployment. The sole object seems to be to get work—for somebody else.

When the granaries are full and stocks are high in the plants and factories, everybody is worried—because there is no demand—no want! This is strange! When the granaries are empty, and the stock of goods is low, everybody is happy-because there is a great demand-great want. Strange again!

It is not work we want; it is food, clothing and shelter. Work is not an end in itself.; but a means to an end.

EXCUSE OUR INTERRUPTION. BUT HAVE WE RECEIVED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION LATELY?

Communist Party Notes.

JOHANNESBURG BRANCH.

MAY DAY.

The May Day Social Committee will meet at No. 4, Trades Hall, on Wednesworkers will be welcome. This year's demonstration promises to be a huge success. It will, if all do their bit.

JOHANNESBURG BRANCH.

INTER-DEBATE WITH J.L.P.

An inter-debate between the Johannesburg Y.C.L. and the Doornsontein Junior Labour Party will be held on Tuesday, 8th April, at 8 p.m., in the Communal Hall. Beit Street, Doornfontein. All welcome!

LECTURE BY LABOUR PARTY ORGANISER.

Mr. Epstein will lecture to the Johannesburg Y.C.L. at their meeting on Tuesday, The powers of an organisation of this | was dragged to the homestead and put | 15th April. Place, 4, Trades Hall. Time, 8

OPEN-AIR MEETINGS.

In last week's "International," we published a list of material required by the Central House for Communist Education in Moscow. If any comrade is in a position to donate any of these items will he please address them to P.O. Box 7599, Johannesburg, or leave it at 4, Trades Hall?

We all declare for liberty; but in using the same work we do not all mean the same thing. With some the word liberty may mean for each man to do as he pleases with himself and the product of his labour; while with others the same word may mean for some men to do as they please with other men and the product of other men's labour. -Abraham Lincoln.

NOTICE is hereby given that the General Dealer's, Chemist's and Druggist's Businesses carried on by FRANCES ALICE IRVINE at the corner of Joubert and Kerk Streets, Johannesburg, has been sold and transferred together with all the assets of the said businesses to IRVINE

Dated at Johannesburg, this 24th March, 1924.

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